

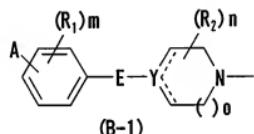
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

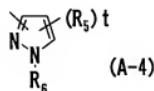
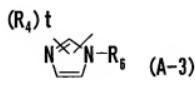
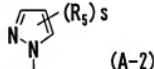
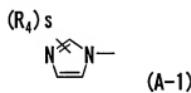
**Claim 1 (Previously Presented):** A compound represented by the formula (1):



[wherein B represents the following formula(B-1):



A represents an imidazolyl or pyrazolyl group represented by the following formula (A-1), (A-2), (A-3) or (A-4):



(wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> each independently represents a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which may be substituted with G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group which may be substituted with G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a halogen atom; R<sub>6</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which

may be substituted with G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a tetrahydropyranyl group;

G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

s represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

t represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R<sub>4</sub>(s) or R<sub>5</sub>(s) may be the same or different when s or t is 2 or more);

R<sub>1</sub> represents a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G2, an amino group (which may be substituted with one or two C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups), a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G2, or a benzyl group which may be substituted with G2;

R<sub>2</sub> represents a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which may be substituted with G2;

G2 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl group, a nitro group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom;

m represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 4, and R<sub>1</sub>(s) may be the same or different when m is 2 or more;

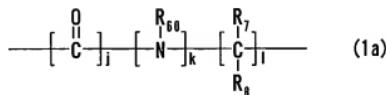
n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 8, and R<sub>2</sub>(s) may be the same or different when n is 2 or more;

o represents an integer of 1;

in the formula (B-1), the dotted line represents a single bond or a double bond and does not simultaneously represent a double bond;

Y represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom, which may have a substituent or a multiple bond that satisfies a valence;

E represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or the following formula (1a) when Y represents a carbon atom;



(wherein R<sub>60</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group); R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkaryl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyloxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyoxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> acyloxy group, a C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with G<sub>2</sub>, or a phenyl group which may be substituted with G<sub>2</sub>;

j and k independently represent 0 or an integer of 1;

l represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 16;

R<sub>7(s)</sub> and R<sub>8(s)</sub> may be the same or different when l is 2 or more);

E represents the formula (1a) when Y represents a nitrogen atom;

D represents the formula (1a);

Z represents a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group which is substituted with G<sub>3</sub>, or a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl group which is substituted with G<sub>3</sub>;

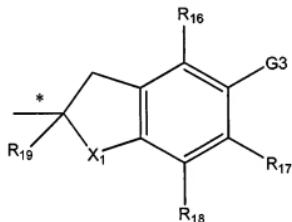
G<sub>3</sub> represents the formula: NHR<sub>10</sub>

{wherein R<sub>10</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)};

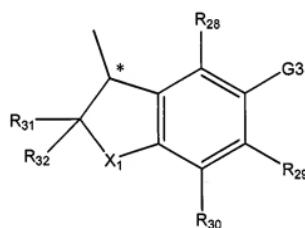
or the formula: OR<sub>11</sub>

{wherein R<sub>11</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)}]  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 2 (Previously Presented):** The compound according to claim 1, wherein Z represents a group represented by the following formula (Z-2) or (Z-5):



(Z-2)



(Z-5)

[wherein \* represents an asymmetric carbon atom; X<sub>1</sub> represents an oxygen atom; R<sub>16</sub> to R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>28</sub> to R<sub>32</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and G3 represents the formula: NHR<sub>10</sub>

{wherein R<sub>10</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)};

or the formula: OR<sub>11</sub>

{wherein R<sub>11</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)}]

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 3 (Original):** An antioxidant comprising, as the active ingredient, one or more compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 or 2.

**Claim 4 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method for kidney diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claims 5 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method for cerebrovascular diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 6 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method for circulatory diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 7 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method for cerebral infarction, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 8 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method for retinal oxidative damage, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 9 (Withdrawn):** A therapeutic method according to claim 8, wherein the retinal oxidative damage is age-related macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy.

**Claims 10 – 11 (Cancelled)**